GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399
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Import of Chinese Bicycles
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the importers in the country are getting Chinese bicycles and their spare parts via Sri Lanka and Bangladesh;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government has imposed any duty on import of Chinese bicycles to protect the Indigenous cycle industry; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to save the bicycle industry and stop the evasion of duty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b): Total import of bicycles and bicycle parts in the country and its import from China, Bangladesh and Sri-Lanka during the last three years and the current year, is at Annex-I & Annex-II A & Annex-IIB.

(c): Import of bicycles under ITC(HS) Code 87120010 attracts a Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 30% and Countervailing Duty of 12.5%.

(d): The Customs Department implements measures for checking duty evasion. Its Risk Management System targets and interdicts illegal import consignments; while border control agencies and field formations of CBEC keep constant vigil on illicit imports/smuggling through Ports, Airports, Land Customs Stations, Inland Container Depots, Foreign Post Offices and Courier Terminals. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), having presence across the country is a specialized agency under CBEC, involved in anti-smuggling and anti-evasion activities. It issues alerts and modus operandi circulars from time to time to prevent smuggling and evasion of customs duty. On detection of smuggling/anti-evasion cases, action is taken against the offenders in accordance with the provisons of law.

Further, the industry can take recourse to trade defense measures like anti-dumping, safeguards in case of injury due to imports.
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ANNEX-I
Import of Bicycle from China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

Value in million US $
COUNTRY 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 (APR TO MAY)
QTY
(NOS) Value
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(US $)
Bangladesh PR 60399 4.89 74802 6.12 60226 5.57 13244 1.11
China P RP 243317 11.28 227469 10.63 241958 10.22 41876 1.66
Sri Lanka DSR 57339 3.23 117537 7.97 123433 9.40 12605 0.80
Total Global Import in to the country 415352 24.27 458013 30.70 472145 30.95 76323 4.42
Note: Figures for 2015-16 and 2016-17 (Apr to May) is provisional.

Annex-II A
Total Import of Bicycle Parts

(HS CODES: 871492,871493,871494,871495,871496,871499)
(Values in Million USD)
ITEM DESCRIPTION ITCHS UNIT 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 (APR TO MAY)

QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL
BICYCLE RIMS 87149210 NOS 176246 0.51 324989 1.16 511380 1.38 86835 0.26
BICYCLE SPOKES 87149220 NOS 38112120 7.75 120208444 10.15 15761737 7.35 627295 0.67
OTHERS 87149290 NOS 7760722 110.94 8169017 95.33 11178142 49.44 657629 7.69
BICYCLE HUBS 87149310 KGS 451428 0.49 586685 0.77 591540 0.87 205832 0.15
BICYCLE FREE-WHEELS 87149320 KGS 211026 0.60 112297 0.54 72365 0.38 15809 0.09
OTHERS 87149390 KGS 316426 1.63 729045 0.73 362545 0.42 45192 0.05
BRAKES,INCL COASTER BRAKING HUBS AND HUB BRAKES AND PRTS THEREOF 87149400 KGS 1226455 5.31 2699783 5.61 2306576 4.98 553916 0.80
BICYCLE SADDLES 87149510 KGS 106987 0.39 192329 0.50 230201 0.62 8760 0.03
OTHERS 87149590 KGS 57007 0.20 70814 0.13 78315 0.13 10265 0.02
PEDALS AND CRANK-GEAR AND PRTS THEREOF 87149600 KGS 216648 0.49 586793 0.88 551383 0.76 76995 0.14
BICYCLE CHAIN 87149910 KGS 198989 0.59 219613 0.51 329013 0.62 21936 0.07
BICYCLE WHEELS 87149920 KGS 42006 0.06 43764 0.08 41743 0.15 2622 0.01
OTHERS 87149990 KGS 13124461 69.96 10351768 29.27 15283326 39.25 2855151 9.09
Grand Total 198.93 145.67 106.34 19.06

NOTE: Figures for 2015-16 and 2016-17 (Apr to May) is provisional.

Annex-II B

Import of Bicycle parts from Bangladesh, China and Sri Lanka
(Values in Million USD)

COUNTRY
Item description ITCHS UNIT 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 (APR TO MAY)
QTY VAL(US $) QTY VAL(US $) QTY VAL
(US $) QTY VAL
(US $)
BANGLADESH PR BICYCLE RIMS 87149210 NOS 30020 21854 19000 45916 15000 10710 NIL NIL
BICYCLE SPOKES 87149220 NOS NIL NIL 288 9 NIL NIL NIL NIL
OTHERS 87149290 NOS 15 106 25 19 NIL NIL NIL NIL
BICYCLE HUBS 87149310 KGS 633 2611 1098 3116 165 976 20 32
OTHERS 87149390 KGS 12 124 2 19 NIL NIL NIL NIL
BRAKES,INCL COASTER BRAKING HUBS AND HUB BRAKES AND PRTS THEREOF 87149400 KGS 431 1878 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
BICYCLE SADDLES 87149510 KGS 10 18 10 36 NIL NIL NIL NIL
OTHERS 87149590 KGS 154 361 76 349 NIL NIL NIL NIL
PEDALS AND CRANK-GEAR AND PRTS THEREOF 87149600 KGS 39 216 12 49 NIL NIL NIL NIL
BICYCLE CHAIN 87149910 KGS 25 69 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
OTHERS 87149990 KGS 1195 8613 2727 10807 3611 12782 60 129
BANGLADESH TOTAL 35850 60320 24468 161
CHINA P RP BICYCLE RIMS 87149210 NOS 65243 135265 167680 693921 312462 865000 37308 114038
BICYCLE SPOKES 87149220 NOS 19367601 3147736 29038928 3705032 4783458 1314549 195618 197488
OTHERS 87149290 NOS 7613652 109744709 8103832 93772570 4439857 48980331 655935 7652938
BICYCLE HUBS 87149310 KGS 448233 460277 584315 752994 590303 860288 205802 148982
BICYCLE FREE-WHEELS 87149320 KGS 183036 513495 110385 522805 70779 353986 15809 92787
OTHERS 87149390 KGS 146003 753706 703617 684749 360096 385002 45192 45331
BRAKES,INCL COASTER BRAKING HUBS AND HUB BRAKES AND PRTS THEREOF 87149400 KGS 857605 3697160 2346444 4308390 1988344 3518009 397662 478487
BICYCLE SADDLES 87149510 KGS 91919 307730 174605 402345 104204 182173 2030 4291
OTHERS 87149590 KGS 40686 130118 66049 113363 74664 94132 8471 15589
PEDALS AND CRANK-GEAR AND PRTS THEREOF 87149600 KGS 196490 405902 571643 812801 529479 662284 61463 94178
BICYCLE CHAIN 87149910 KGS 153485 447395 138774 314376 324181 593789 15095 50579
BICYCLE WHEELS 87149920 KGS 34453 41699 41167 64099 40994 138375 2540 6874
OTHERS 87149990 KGS 12172608 60974246 9199351 20963133 14238086 33752273 2665251 7931602
CHINA TOTAL 180759438 127110578 91700191 16833164
SRI LANKA DSR BICYCLE RIMS 87149210 NOS NIL NIL 4300 9155 89264 354056 32000 126975
BICYCLE SPOKES 87149220 NOS NIL NIL NIL NIL 10 17 NIL NIL
OTHERS 87149290 NOS NIL NIL 1000 29262 1575 6616 NIL NIL
BICYCLE HUBS 87149310 KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 45 85 NIL NIL
BICYCLE FREE-WHEELS 87149320 KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 150 599 NIL NIL
BRAKES,INCL COASTER BRAKING HUBS AND HUB BRAKES AND PRTS THEREOF 87149400 KGS NIL NIL 11 67 510 562 NIL NIL
BICYCLE SADDLES 87149510 KGS NIL NIL 66 114 647 890 NIL NIL
PEDALS AND CRANK-GEAR AND PRTS THEREOF 87149600 KGS NIL NIL 37 79 65 70 NIL NIL
BICYCLE CHAIN 87149910 KGS NIL NIL 1 15 132 160 NIL NIL

BICYCLE WHEELS 87149920 KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 25 103 NIL NIL
OTHERS 87149990 KGS 50 297 897 11396 843 2581 171 705
SRILANKA TOTAL 297 50088 365739 127680

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